



Dear Readers

In 1871 the anthropologist Edward B. Tylor described culture as 'the complex whole which includes knowledge, belief, art, law, morals, custom, and any other capabilities and habits acquired by man as a member of society.'

But it omitted nature so in 1948 Melville J. Herskovits described culture as 'the man-made part of the environment.' Religion and faith have hugely influenced culture over the centuries in seeking to shape our understanding of God, ourselves and all creation. Faith begs the question of the trustworthiness of the person or Divinity in whom it is placed. The dialogue, and sometimes tension, between culture and faith is constant.

One summary of this dialogue is found in the phrase those who are thankful (to God) and thinking as against those who are just thinking. On **Culture Night, September 11th 2020**, to mark the **150th anniversary of the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland**, every parish in the dioceses is asked to open wide the church doors and welcome the curious, the faithful, the searching, the whoever, into our sacred spaces to encourage conversations about faith and all it inspires in us and in those whose legacy is the beautiful buildings, music, prayers and ambience created by our faith culture.

A preparation for Culture Night workshop for 2 representatives from each parish is being held in Christ Church Cathedral on Friday 7th Feb from 11-1pm. Ideas on how best to promote our faith culture in Rathfarnham on the 11th September are welcome, please.

Canon Adrienne



Calling all Fête 2020 Stallholders

You are cordially invited to the Parish Centre for a Cheese & Wine evening on **Thursday 6th February at 8pm** to review the arrangements for the 2020 Rathfarnham Parish Fête which will be held on **SATURDAY MAY 16th**

The Fête is our major annual fundraiser and a vital revenue stream for the Parish. *If you are new to the Parish or haven't been involved in the Fête before*, our cheese & wine evening is a great way to find out what it's all about and to meet other stallholders. Please do join us on Thursday 6th for an informal chat, some delicious nibbles and a glass of wine. We look forward to seeing you there.

The Fête Committee



February Parish Diary

Every Sunday	8am and 12 noon Holy Communion 1
Every Tuesday	10.30am Toddlerzone in the Parish Centre
Every Wednesday	8-9.15pm Choir Practice: new members welcome
Every Thursday	10.30am Holy Communion 2 in the Millennium Side Chapel, followed by Pop-In Tea/Coffee 8pm 'Towards Sunday' in the Millennium Side Chapel
Sunday 2nd	10.30am Morning Prayer with Crèche and Sunday Club 3.15-6pm Rathfarnham Youth Performers in the War Memorial Hall (exact times TBC week-to-week) 6.15-7.15pm Confirmation Class in the Church 7.30-9pm Youth Club - Activity TBC
Tuesday 4th	6.45-7.55pm Good News Club in the War Memorial Hall
Thursday 6th	8pm Fête stallholders meeting with Cheese & Wine in the Parish Centre
Sunday 9th	10.30am Rural Deanery Confirmation service. NO Sunday Club but the Crèche will be open 12.30pm The noon service will be at 12.30 to facilitate the earlier Confirmation service 3.15-6pm Rathfarnham Youth Performers in the War Memorial Hall (exact times TBC week-to-week) 7.30-9pm Youth Club
Tuesday 11th	6.45-7.55pm Good News Club in the War Memorial Hall
Saturday 15th	2.30-4pm WLTD0? in the Parish Centre
Sunday 16th	10.30am ACE Worshipping God Together NO RYP rehearsals NO Youth Club NO Toddlerzone NO Good News Club
Tuesday 18th	8pm Whist in the War Memorial Hall
Wednesday 19th	
Sunday 23rd	10.30am Holy Communion with Sunday Club in the Parish Centre, and Crèche 3.15-6pm Rathfarnham Youth Performers in the War Memorial Hall (exact times TBC week-to-week) 7.30-9pm Youth Club Pancake Night in the War Memorial Hall
Tuesday 25th	10.30am Toddlerzone Messy Event 6.45-7.55pm Good News Club Pancake Night
Wednesday 26th	Ash Wednesday 2.30pm Wednesday Club in the Parish Centre 8pm Ash Wednesday Prayer Book service
Saturday 29th	1-3pm Bags & Bakes 6th class Gaeltacht fundraiser in the Parish Centre (see notice inside)



I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared:
"Go down again - I dwell among the people." J.H. Newman

Parish Newsround

Beavers

Following a busy Autumn schedule including map reading, fire (lit without matches - very impressive Mick!) and smores in Larch Hill, an evening hike up Montpelier Hill to The Hell Fire Club, a spooky fancy dress night (you should have seen the toilet paper zombies - all the Scouters were running scared!) and Olympic games night, the Beavers settled down to work towards their Stage 1 Hillwalking badge. We worked over three nights learning what to bring on a hike, how to pack our rucksacks, introduced maps and symbols, points of the compass and making trail signs. There was lots of concentration, great listening and fun games along the way - Never Eat Soggy Weetabix!

Scout Troop leader, John Sissons joined us for our Investiture - having all learned the scout sign and handshake, our new Beavers for 2019 made the Beaver Scout promise (to do our best, be a good beaver scout, to love God and one another) and officially joined 31st Rathfarnham Beavers. John gave us some great stories about Rathfarnham scouts including some of their exploits and travels!

We finished off 2019 with a night of bowling and super chocolate treats!

January 2020 brings in the new year and planning nights for the Scouters (Thanks parents for the chocolate treats which help a lot!). We have an exciting program from January through the end of February, mid-term and onto June. We start back Wednesday 15th January with a ball games night and then, over the next few weeks, while the dark evenings remain, will work towards achieving our Stage 2 Hillwalking badge, followed by Beaver Olympics bringing us up to mid-term! Looking forward to 2020

Yours in Scouting: Scott Shaw



Parish Church Crèche, 0-3 years

Running most Sundays at the 10:30am service and located in the side Chapel we have a great selection of toys to keep kids of all ages entertained. Pop in to see Susan Christy or me, Kim Bardon, I'm a Sunday Club Leader, if you have any questions. Check out the Toddlerzone section for birthday messages!

Pop in and see us! - Kim & Susan

Crèche Rota February

2nd: Olga Howard	9th: Joanne Morrison
16th: CLOSED for mid-term	23rd: Elanor Cullen



Good News Club

We have removed the GNC banners depicting the Nativity and Epiphany from the church now that we are moving into a new liturgical season. Peter will be leading our Club on the 4th Feb, the Rector on the 11th Feb and Nicola on the 25th Feb (**Pancake night!**) and our focus will be on linking up the Old Testament with the New Testament in surprising and unusual ways. **Corinna, Nicola, Peter, Callum, George, Pat and the Rector**



Pop-In

The Thursday Baristas are in action again in the Parish Centre between 11am and 12 noon. A fairly good selection of teas and coffees provided with biscuits as accompaniment!!! Why don't you come for yourself and see what goes on. All welcome!!

Heather 0879291990, Susan and the team



Sunday Club

The build-up to Christmas was really exciting and busy for Sunday Club, culminating in our Nativity performance in church on Christmas Day. I'm sure there were some extremely proud parents in the congregation that day, and rightly so! Hopefully you all had a chance to admire the pew-ends that we created as part of the overall Christmas decorating scheme in church. Although the hustle and bustle of Christmas is long past, we are still very much enjoying the celebration in Sunday Club as we look at the journey of the Wise Men, and some of the early years of Jesus' life. In February we will continue to look at His early adult life in a fun, child-friendly way.

Birthdays Wishes: Belated Happy Birthday wishes to **Ava** who was 4, and **Zach** who was 8 in January. We hope you both had a fantastic day. This month **Jake** and **Lottie** will be 4, **Ben** and **Lucy** will be 5, **Patrick** will be 6, and **Sophia** will be 7. We wish you all a very happy birthday.

Linda and the team



Tea & Coffee Rota

Tea/Coffee will be provided courtesy of **Ladies Badminton** after the ACE Worshipping God Together service on **February 16th**.



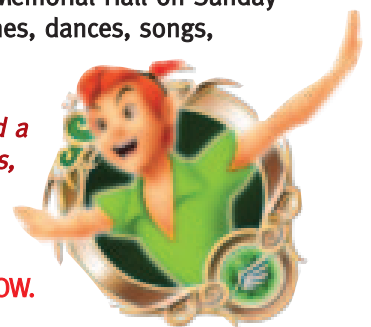
Peter Pan Jr. Musical in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund

There is so much excitement and energy in the War Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoons as 77 children and young people learn lines, dances, songs, movement and stage presence all under the expert tutelage of Gillian and Joyce.

Rehearsals are in full swing. If you would like to **lend a hand backstage, making props/scenery, selling tickets, supervising the car-park, setting out chairs, foyer escorts, waiting area supervision**, please contact Gillian at gillperdue@gmail.com or 087 2782850.

Remember the date! 4th April. Pop it in your diary NOW.

You really don't want to miss this treat. AG





Toddlerzone

Back to the normal routine again with all the excitement of Christmas over for another year!



Once again we thank Santa Claus for making time to visit us in the Parish Centre with gifts for all. Now he too can have a well earned rest till next December! But we must keep the show on the road so we are back in action again each Tuesday from 10.30 till 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Each week we have Coffee/Tea, plenty of chat for adults and fun and action and toys for little people. **Half term is week beginning 17th February so no Toddlerzone on the 18th Feb.**

Heather 0879291990 and Susan

February Pre-School Birthdays: Sebastian D, Tadhg W, Lucy and Ben C will be 5, Lottie N & Jake G 4, Daire O'C and Samuel S-F 3 and Annie C 1. If we have forgotten anyone's birthday please contact Heather or Kim and we will update our lists accordingly. Heather 0879291990, Kim 0851473112 and Susan

Towards Sunday

We continue our discussions on the upcoming Sunday readings in the context of daily life and world events. Held in the Millennium Side Chapel at 8pm we start with tea/coffee and chat. As scripture tells us 'to encourage one another in the faith', this forum is one way of doing this. All welcome. **AG**



Wednesday Club

Our February meeting will be held on the usual last Wednesday of the month, 26th February at 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre.



Revd. Harry Lew, a son of this Parish, will bring us down 'Memory Lane' and talk about Rathfarnham Parish and also his time as a Clergyman. Tea/coffee, bakes and chat afterwards! Looking forward to seeing our regular attenders and new members are welcome. David Whyte at 087 7826054.

Whist Club

There will be a Whist Drive in the War Memorial Hall on Wednesday, 19th February, starting at 8p.m. All welcome.

Enquiries to Rob and Beryl Dawson, 01 493 3203.



WLTD0?

WLTD0? Rathfarnham got the new year off with great fun last month.



Despite a good number of our regular dads and their little ones unable to join us we had 6 dads along with 9 children enjoy activities, toys and catch up on a wild and wet January afternoon. We look forward to celebrating our **2nd Birthday on Saturday 15th February** with pancakes (*please note change in usual date from the 1st Saturday in the month*) in the Parish Centre from 2.30pm-4pm. It's been yet another wonderful year and we are delighted this season to have welcomed Robert Hilliard onto the team. WLTD0? is a unique group with its own vibe and atmosphere created by both the team and those who come to join in the fun each month. We would like to thank the rest of the team, **David Campbell, Melody Chadamoyo, Susan Christie, Jonathan Ellis and Heather Wilkinson** for their support

and contribution throughout the year making WLTD0? possible. No need to book but for further information contact **Lynn Storey 087 6957061** or **Morgan Bardon 085 2728875**, or email wltdorathfarnham@gmail.com

Rathfarnham Parish GARDEN of REMEMBRANCE



Update

Following on from the questions and answers session on the 8th of December we are delighted to say that there has been significant interest in the project.

As previously outlined, the Vestry has proposed developing the planted area at the side of the Churchyard into a Remembrance Garden for the interment of ashes. The Vestry believe the Garden of Remembrance will be a very attractive addition to the Church grounds and will provide a quiet area for silent prayer and reflection where loved ones can be remembered.

This is a costly project and therefore will need to be self-financing. This therefore requires commitment and payment from parishioners in advance of starting the project. **In December we received payment to cover 50% of the costs which is a great start.** We received just short of 30 expressions of interest on the 8th of December and others have since come forward. Therefore, while confident of achieving the funding this is a gentle reminder to anyone who intends to secure a right of burial in the Garden. **If you would like to proceed please contact Andrew Shorten in the parish office on rathfarnhamparish@gmail.com, Ph: 01-4905543.** If you would like any further information on the Garden of Remembrance, please contact **Gordon Wright on 087-8341277.**

From the Registers

Baptisms: On the 24th November **Ben Murphy**, son of Dawn and Richard was baptised. Ben's Godparents are **Christina Evans, Stephen and Karen Murphy.**



Funerals: The funeral service for **Desmond Mills** took place in Rathfarnham Church on 13th Jan 2020 and we offer our condolences to **John and Felicity** and all Des's family as they mourn his passing.

Thank you to Conor

You may have noticed an organ pipe beside the Vestry door. It's purpose? To relieve you of your loose change or indeed any donation you might like to give to the organ fund. Coins really do make it ding! We are indebted to **Conor Perdue** for his skill and craftsmanship in creating this work of art. And we are very grateful to you for your donations. A.G.

Thank you from Jigsaw Centre, Darndale

I am writing to ask if you could pass on a special thank you to the parents in Rathfarnham Parish for their kind donations of presents and toys to support our centre over Christmas. Our Christmas party took place on Monday 23rd December and it was lovely for Santa to be able to hand out gifts and selection boxes to all the children.

We were also delighted with some of the larger toys that we would be able to use in our rooms and play areas. A special thank you to the people who kindly donated toy food and tea sets. These have gone down especially well in our Clever Cats toddler room where many a tea party is now taking place!

Many, many thanks for your support, it really is hugely appreciated and ensures that we can best support the children and families from the Darndale Belcamp community.

Kind regards, Kelda Barnes, Centre Manager.



The Eden Group

The Parish Social Committee is holding a Quiz Night on **Saturday March 21st** at 8pm in the War Memorial Hall and we'd love to see you there.

Tables of 4 are **€40** (to include a bottle of wine and nibbles for every table) and further refreshment vouchers for wine, beer and soft drinks will be available on the night.



To book your table of 4, please contact **Orla on 086 679 9079** or **Joan on 086 822 9607**. We look forward to seeing you all on **Saturday March 21st** for a night of fun, spot prizes, raffle and refreshments. Our thanks to the Bowls Club who are facilitating our use of the War Memorial Hall for the evening. **The Eden Group**



Peter Pan Jr. Ticket Sales

Tickets will shortly be available for two performances of our fantastic musical Peter Pan Jr at The High School on **Saturday April 4th**.

Tickets (adults **€20**, children **€10**) will be available at:

- rehearsals at the War Memorial Hall on Sunday afternoons
- reception at Rathfarnham Parish National School
- the Parish Centre foyer after the 10.30am Sunday services

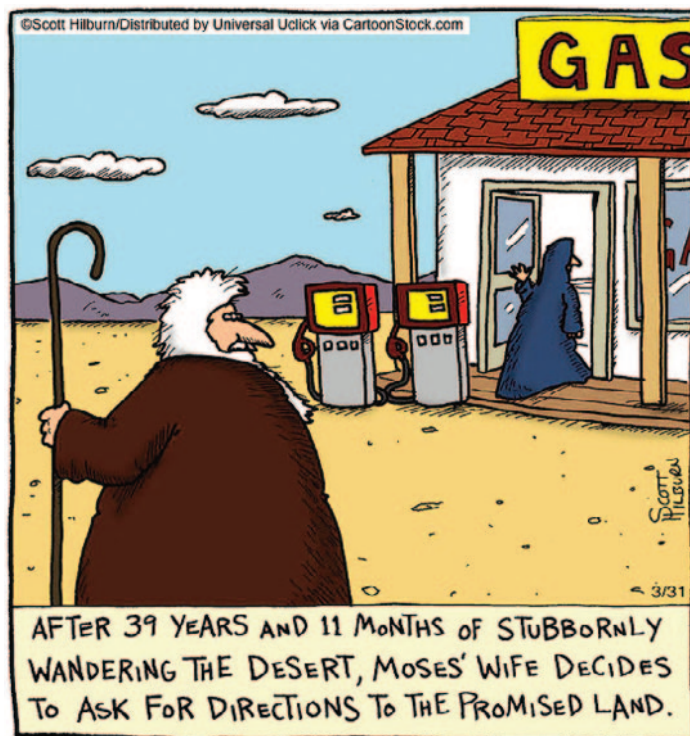
Tickets for this great musical event are limited so please make sure to buy yours early! We look forward to seeing friends, family and parishioners there to support our Organ Restoration Fund. **Rathfarnham Youth Performers**



Clothes Recycling and Bake Sale

Working hard on a Spring clear out?

Then drop in with your old clothes to the Parish Centre on **Saturday 29th February from 1-3pm** for a Liberty Recycling clothes collection and reward yourself afterwards with a sweet treat at the bake sale, all in aid of RPNS 6th class Gaeltacht trip.



Accommodation Wanted

Accommodation urgently sought (2-3 bed) for short-term rental by young family. If you have anything to offer, please contact the Rector 086 0390866.

RATHFARNHAM PARISH STEWARDSHIP

SUBSCRIPTIONS PER ENVELOPE FOR THE YEAR 2019

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1	20.00	57	444.00	112	35.00	158	500.00	216	450.00
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4	123.00	61	310.10	115	220.00	161	670.00		
6	520.00	62	1290.00	116	80.00	162	265.00		
11	510.00	63	331.00	117	140.00	163	330.00		
13	128.00	65	510.00	118	60.00	165	52.30		
14	370.00	66	66.00	119	265.00	166	440.00		
15	30.00	67	510.00	120	#####	167	530.00		
16	466.00	68	230.00	121	66.00	169	255.00		
17	70.00	70	47.00	122	230.00	170	305.00		
18	182.00	71	660.00	123	390.00	172	335.00		
19	1400.00	72	250.00	124	104.00	173	300.00		
20	306.00	73	200.00	125	540.00	175	165.00		
22	1100.00	74	500.00	126	780.00	176	580.00		
24	100.00	76	205.00	127	850.00	177	275.00		
25	260.00	77	790.00	128	221.00	178	210.00		
27	3.95	79	275.00	129	326.50	179	720.00		
28	200.00	82	124.50	130	48.50	181	765.00		
29	490.00	83	60.00	131	430.35	183	4.00		
30	50.00	85	260.00	133	110.10	184	325.00		
31	510.00	86	510.00	134	315.00	185	360.00		
32	522.00	87	530.00	135	852.00	187	670.10		
33	315.00	88	55.00	136	90.00	188	140.00		
34	860.00	89	50.00	137	70.00	189	560.00		
35	200.00	90	9.00	138	525.00	191	5.00		
36	40.00	91	540.00	139	200.00	193	290.00		
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38	290.00	95	700.00	141	100.00	196	365.00		
39	192.00	96	500.10	143	210.00	197	#####		
40	50.00	97	70.00	144	12.00	199	665.00		
41	365.00	98	280.00	145	985.00	202	370.00		
42	1000.00	99	275.00	146	241.80	203	560.00		
44	520.00	100	100.00	147	#####	204	90.00		
47	845.00	101	265.00	148	520.00	205	50.00		
49	570.00	102	315.00	149	170.00	206	430.00		
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Total: €64,372.20 for 173 subscribers.

2018 total was €66,928.30 for 187 subscribers.

The total for 2019 includes all subscriptions in envelopes received by the last Sunday in 2019.

Any 2019 envelopes received after that day will be included in the 2020 figures.

Finally, I would like to thank the 'counters' for all their work throughout the year. *Beryl Dawson.*

Baptisms

Baptisms: On the 1st December **Myles O'Keeffe** (below) and **Annie Meredith Correll** (right) were baptised. Myles' parents are **Shirley (Beattie)** and **Diarmuid**, and his Godparents are **Norris Beattie**, **Roy Beattie**, **James Sampson Beattie** and **Dee O'Keeffe**.



Annie's parents are **Tanya** and **Nigel**. Her Godparents are **Joyce Correll** and **Ralph Meredith**.

May these little ones and their parents know great joy now and always.

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